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1. (Confidential - JMM) On 14 June, Boyd Crawford, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, called Mr. Warner to report that Representative John Tunney (D., Calif.) had returned from a trip to Vietnam with questions about the "hamlet evaluation system." According to Crawford, Tunney feels that the basic data being fed into this system is inaccurate, and has raised the matter with the General Accounting Office. GAO has responded that they do not normally investigate such matters, but suggested that they might do so if Chairman Morgan made a formal request to the Comptroller General. Crawford wanted to know our reaction. Accordingly I raised the matter with [REDACTED], SAVA, who expressed the hope that such a move could be discouraged. Mr. Warner informed Crawford that, speaking unofficially, we did not favor this proposal.

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2. (Unclassified - LLM) Russell Harper, in the office of Representative John Kyl (R., Iowa), called in behalf of a high honor graduate from Iowa State University with Russian language facilities who is interested in Federal employment and who is subject to the draft. I explained that Agency service did not satisfy an individual's military obligation but that we would be pleased to review [REDACTED] qualifications. Mr. Harper said he would check with him and advise.

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3. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Spoke with Ralph Devlin, Staff Assistant, House Subcommittee on Retirement, Insurance and Health Benefits, concerning the Civil Service retirement fund financing proposal with added retirement benefits now being considered before the full Committee as H.R. 17682. In keeping with his earlier views on this legislation, Mr. Devlin does not believe it will receive favorable consideration by both houses this Congress indicating that it may not get out of Committee because of objection to the provision authorizing the Civil Service Commission to increase contribution rates under certain conditions.

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